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**NSC BRIEFING  
HUNGARY**

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- I. The American legation in Budapest predicts that a "show trial" of a Hungarian employed by the Associated Press is imminent and that the legation will be involved.
  - A. Recently arrested local employees of the legation will provide the "supporting cast" for such action.
  - B. The last regular Hungarian employee of the legation's USIS news bulletin section was arrested on 23 June.
- II. The legation reported in late May that there had been a sharp increase in the general use of terror and intimidation tactics by the Hungarian security police, particularly against those citizens who visited the legation regularly to receive news bulletins.
- III. These terror tactics and an intense anti-American campaign which has been in effect for the past several months have probably been undertaken by the regime to strengthen its internal control in the face of wide-spread popular and party disaffection.
- IV. A trial implicating the legation would be aimed primarily at justifying the retention of Soviet troops in Hungary because of the "danger" of American interference in internal affairs.
  - A. Probably for the same purpose there has been a

sharp step-up recently in the number of trials of alleged Western, American, and even NATO agents in all the Satellites except Albania and Bulgaria.

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